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1. SUMMARY. MAY 30-JUNE 1 VISIT OF CPSU SECRETARY ZAMIANIN
AND CURRENT TRIP TO MOSCOW OF ROMANIAN DEPPRIMIN OPREA,
TOGETHER WITH PUBLICATION OF POLEXCO DECISION ON CELEBRATION
OF SOVIET 60TH ANNIVERSARY, WOULD APPEAR TO MORE THAN BALANCE
EARLIER STRONG MAY CHINESE PRESENCE HERE (REFTEL). ZAMIANIN
VISIT PRODUCED A JOINT IDEOLOGICAL COOPERATION PLAN FOR
1977-80, FIRST SUCH DOCUMENT WE CAN RECALL. END SUMMARY.
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2. MAY 24 POLEXCO DECISION ON ROMANIAN CELEBRATION
OF SOVIET 60TH ANNIVERSARY (SCINTEIA, MAY 28) APPEARS
RATHER EXTENSIVE AT FIRST GLANCE, ALTHOUGH BULK OF
DOCUMENT IS DEVOTED TO ROMANIAN RATHER THAN SOVIET
ACCOMPLISHMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, OCTOBER REVOLUTION
IS LABELED "CRUCIAL EVENT IN WORLD HISTORY" AND WILL

BE CELEBRATED WITH "AMPLE ACTIONS AND MANIFESTATIONS", INCLUDING SYMPOSIA, FESTIVE MEETINGS, EXPOSITIONS, PUBLICATIONS AND VISITS OF SOVIET ACTIVISTS AND ARTISTS. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE JUST HOW AND WITH WHAT ENTHUSIASM POLEXCO'S "DECISION" IS ACTUALLY IMPLEMENTED.

3. SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, PLUS BELGRADE CSCE PREPARATIONS, ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY FIGURED ON LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 30-JUNE 1 VISIT HERE OF SOVIET "AGITPROP" DEL LED BY CPSU SECRETARY ZAMIANIN. DEL WAS HOSTED BY RCP PROPAGANDA SECRETARY BURTICA AND MET JUNE 1 WITH CEAUSESCU, AS WELL AS VISITING RCP'S STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY. MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULT WAS SIGNING OF "PLAN OF IDEOLOGICAL COOPERATION FOR 1977-80", THE FIRST SUCH DOCUMENT WE CAN RECALL. DOCUMENT IS OBVIOUS OUTGROWTH OF PLEDGES FOR CLOSER BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THIS AND OTHER FIELDS CONTAINED IN ROMANIAN-SOVIET DECLARATION, SIGNED DURING LAST NOVEMBER'S BREZHNEV VISIT HERE. (COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF SIMILAR FORMAL IDEOLOGICAL PLANS HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY SOVIETS WITH OTHER EES.)

4. WE ALSO NOTE THAT ROMANIAN DEPPRIMIN OPREA IS CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW AND HAS MET WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS THERE, COUNCIL OF MINISTER VPS NOVIKOV AND KATUSHEV, AS WELL AS KOSYGIN. DISCUSSIONS ARE BILLED AS ECONOMIC.

5. COMMENT: CURRENT EXCHANGE OF VISITS, TOGETHER WITH POLEXCO DECISION ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEAR TO MORE THAN BALANCE EARLIER STRONG CHINESE PRESENCE HERE (MAY 29 SCINTEIA NOTES DEPARTURE OF CHINESE ACTIVIST DEL AFTER TWENTY-TWO DAYS IN COUNTRY.) IN ADDITION, SIGNING OF JOINT IDEOLOGICAL PROGRAM WITH SOVIETS MAKES TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN DISDAIN TOWARDS "COORDINATION" IN THIS FIELD SEEM SOMEWHAT HOLLOW, IN SPITE OF CONTINUING DIFFERENCES WHICH WERE EVIDENT AT MARCH SOFIA MEETING AND APRIL PRAGUE SESSION (BUCHAREST 3696). VIETS

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